

## A GUIDE TO GBMC INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The **GB Management Committee (GBMC)** is a subcommittee of the BSF Executive, created in 2008 to monitor, oversee and support fastpitch and slowpitch national teams.

**Historically**, the GBMC's sole income source was a "GB Affiliation Fee" that was levied each year on players selected to GB National Team competition squads playing in WBSC, Softball Europe or selected WBSC-sanctioned tournaments. In recent years, this charge amounted to £50 per player.

The GBMC's income is used to pay for costs incurred by the GB National Teams programme as a whole (as opposed to individual team or trip costs), administrative costs, and to meet unforeseen expenditures for which there is no provision within individual team budgets.

**From 2022**, the GBMC's income will consist of an annual £3000 grant from the British Softball Federation plus a "GB Team Affiliation Fee" of £200, levied on all GB National Teams entered into official competitions. This fee, as defined above, will become a small part of the team's trip cost, rather than levied on individual team members.

Changing to this new income source will ensure that the GBMC has a guaranteed minimum income of at least £4,000 per year, with the bulk of it – the money coming directly from the BSF – available early in the year, before the start of the competition season.

### What does this mean in practice?

Here are some of the things that the GBMC has spent its money on over the past few years:

#### Annual costs

- Paying annual affiliation fees to the British Softball Federation for all GB National Teams so that each team is covered by BSF public liability insurance. This currently amounts to £25 per team per year. This insurance covers teams in the UK and abroad for civil and public liability only.
- Paying expenses in the UK when requested (mainly travel and, where necessary, accommodation) for volunteer coaches and managers who work with our national teams. Most coaches and managers do not charge these expenses, but some cannot afford not to do so.
- Helping to support an annual meeting held by GB National Team Staff and the GB Management Committee, including with travel costs where necessary.

#### Tournaments & team training

- Paying for national team training venues in the UK.
- Helping to support the cost of hosting international fastpitch tournaments in the UK to give our players more competition experience.

## Equipment

- Buying a new massage table for GB National Team physios to use when touring overseas.
- Helping to buy a sophisticated Hack Attack pitching machine for national team training.
- Buying and replacing equipment used by GB national teams, such as balls, helmets, catcher's gear, batting tees, nets etc.
- Helping national teams with some uniform and clothing costs.
- Providing starting capital for GB merchandising and fundraising ventures.

## Coach and Player development

- Subsidising some GB National Team coaches to attend the BSUK Coach Summit and other coaching events and courses.
- Helping with costs for WBSC-qualified umpires to officiate in the Great Britain Fastpitch League.

## Player and team financial support

- Helping some overseas-based GB players with touring costs to official tournaments so they can take up their places when selected (help for GB-based players comes from a BSF bursary fund that overseas-based players cannot access).
- Helping a GB Team that was forced to withdraw from a European Championship at short notice to pay penalties and other costs incurred.
- Providing additional bursary support for players or coaches who would otherwise struggle to afford the cost of national team development tours.
- Helping national teams make up for small overspends on tour due to unexpected circumstances, to avoid teams having to ask players for additional money and to protect team managers or coaches from winding up out of pocket.
- Paying for any other unusual or one-off costs that may crop up from time to time.

It is imperative that the GBMC has money available for these and other kinds of expenses. Without this income it would be hard for our national teams to function, which may mean they wind up in the red. Furthermore, individual coaches and/or team managers could wind up out of pocket, which would not be fair given all the voluntary effort they put in.

## The GBMC Management Committee July 2021